

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-148
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued March 15, 2002)

On July 19, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) renew Permit No. R876. The request for renewal has been identified as Docket No. P-148. Under Permit No. R876 MidAmerican was authorized to construct, operate, and maintain 16.05 miles of 10-inch diameter steel pipeline operating at pressure of 425 pounds per square inch. The pipeline is located in Scott County, Iowa, and is known as the Linwood-Iowa lateral.

Board staff reviewed the request and found several deficiencies in the petition. MidAmerican filed responses to the deficiencies on December 10, 2001. Board staff filed a report on January 7, 2002 in Docket No. P-148 concerning the pipeline route.

Iowa Code section 479.7 (2001) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. Although the petition is not completely in order, the only remaining deficiency is Exhibit C, which contains the engineering features, materials and manner of construction of the proposed pipeline,

as well as information concerning public roadways and railroad lines to be crossed. The Board finds that the deficiencies in Exhibit C are such that MidAmerican should be able to file necessary corrections prior to a hearing.

Since the petition is substantially complete, the Board will assign the petition for renewal of Permit No. R876 to a presiding officer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-148 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of March, 2002.